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## DOUBLE MURDER

Portillo and Mendoza, Two Miners, Killed at Santa Rita.

## THE RESULT OF TOO MUCH BOOZE

Men Were Shot While Resisting Arrest and the Officer Exonerated From All Blame.

Santa Rita, April 17.—This camp was the scene of a double killing last evening in which two men, Francisco Portillo and Guadalupe Mendoza, met their death at the hands of H. E. Muse, deputy sheriff. The men were shot while resisting arrest, and the coroner's jury verdict exonerating the officer from all blame.

The tragedy was the direct result of the drunken conduct of the victims.

The killing occurred just above the concentrator plant on the main road.

Portillo and Mendoza, with two companions, Manuel Roblero and Pilar Gonzales, had been drinking pretty freely, and during the day, in order to add to their so-called pleasure, secured a team and spent several hours driving about the country tributary to Santa Rita. The wagon and harness they borrowed from Mariano Islas and the horses from Julian Esquibal. In the afternoon they went to Hanover and Fierro and while at these places were very boisterous in their behavior, discharging guns on more than one occasion during the course of their ride. When they returned to Santa Rita, Mr. Islas, learning of their doings and the rough treatment which they had been giving his outfit, went before the justice of the peace and swore out a warrant for their arrest. When the officers found the men they were unhitching the horses near the home of Mr. Islas and here they had been very profane in their talk to some ladies who were nearby.

Some conversation took place at this point, the substance of which was that the men were to consider themselves under arrest and to be present at the justice of the peace court in the morning for trial. Portillo and Mendoza were ugly in their behavior and were ordered taken to jail. Deputy Muse then started off with the prisoners, a brother of Portillo accompanying them. After proceeding a short distance the two prisoners refused to go any farther and parley ensued, during which Mr. Howe joined them. Portillo, especially, was disposed to give trouble, and Howe and the brother attempted to pacify him and have him go along with the officer. While this was taking place, Mendoza had gotten around on the other side of Muse as if to get possession of the officer's gun, and the latter had anticipated the action by drawing it himself. With a profane utterance Portillo broke away from those who were trying to hold him and went for Muse, and at the same time Mendoza came at him from the others side. Realizing the danger of his position Muse fired two shots—one at Portillo and the other at Mendoza.

His aim was terribly true. Portillo fell back with a bullet in his heart and died instantly. Mendoza, who had also been shot through the heart, staggered a step or two and dropped dead. The whole thing had taken place so quickly that even those who were there did not for a second realize that two lives had been forfeited. As soon as it was known that the men were beyond earthly aid, their bodies were picked up and delivered to friends.

A coroner's jury was empaneled and after hearing the evidence, returned

a verdict of death at the hands of Deputy Muse and stated that the killing was justifiable. Muse testified that he believed his life to be in danger when he fired, and his testimony was corroborated by those present. The officer will be given a preliminary examination Tuesday and there is every reason to believe that he will be exonerated at that hearing. Muse was perfectly cool and collected during the trouble. He says that the men were attacking him and he acted in self defense. At the time he was under the impression that Portillo's brother was a third aggressor, but it seems that his presence was due to a desire to keep his brother out of trouble and he made no move against the officer.

Portillo and Mendoza were buried today, the former in Pinos Altos, his former home, and the latter here.

Portillo was about 28 years old and has been a resident of Grant county since a boy. He lives in Pinos Altos, but has recently been at Santa Rita, where he was in the employ of the Santa Rita Mining company. He was a large sized man, and physically much superior to Muse. He is married, but at present is not living with his wife.

Mendoza was about 36 years old, and was employed on one of the leases. He was unmarried and had not been in the country long, having come here from Old Mexico.

Public opinion in the camp is with the officer. There is some feeling among the Mexican people over the affair, but those who are familiar with the circumstances admit that the killing, while deplorable was justifiable.—Silver City Independent.

### How is This?

For years the Deming Headlight has been the most bitter foe that the "republican trusts" had to fight. Editor Shakespeare has been after them, and never let an issue of his paper go to press without dealing a mighty blow at the lead trust, or the coal oil trust, or the beef trust, or any old trust that should show its head. The Liberal is glad to note that a change has come over Editor Shakespeare. He is coming modernized, civilized, if such an expression might be used, and it would not be surprising if the Headlight should enroll under the republican banner. All this was accomplished by Editor Rose, the man from Cerrillos who recently established the Graphic at Deming. Editor Rose is a republican from the earliest days. He is thoroughly at home at a meeting of trust magnates. He and John D. Rockefeller have often slept in the same bed. When he reached Deming he had a mission from John D. and the Armours, and that was to convert Shakespeare, the man they most feared in all the broad land. Rose has not been in Deming a month, but he has accomplished the errand that brought him to the windmill city. He and Shakespeare have formed a little trust of their own, modeled on the lead pipe cinch trust. They have met and agreed, and now prices are the same to all who come. The trust has put a price on advertising and job work, and it makes no difference to the Demingite whether he goes to the Headlight office or the Graphic office, he will have to pay the same price for his goods. The conversion is thorough and he is shameless in his apostasy. The trust has published its scale of prices, and Shakespeare's name is signed to it. As soon as the news reached New York the price of pig lead was advanced 25 cents per hundred pounds and Standard Oil stock went up eleven points on the curb market. B. Y. McKeys writes, now the republicans will carry Luna county by eighty seven majority.—Western Liberal.

"Some men are born great; some achieve, greatness, and some have it thrust upon them." We appear to be a victim of the latter but we did not expect to have it cast upon us in such quantities as are furnished by the editor of the Liberal, but we will say that we are republican because we believe the principles of that party to be right and it did not take the promise of a post office to hold us to those principles in the shakeup of 1896, and it is our intention to work for the interests of the community first, last and all the time without thought of thanks or reward.

## ALL THINGS COME

To Those Who Wait—It Has Been Known For Years That This Section Is Nature's Sanitarium For Consumptives.

For fifteen long years this city has battled for its independence and natural rights against all odds. From every defeat her citizens came up smiling and hopeful. They knew they had all the natural resources to build a city; railroads, climate and healthful geographical location, pure water, a situation in the center of the beautiful Mimbres valley, surrounded by picturesque mountains on all sides, the great cattle shipping center of the southwest, and the best location for manufactories and smelters. These latter when fully established will bring to this point for treatment the rich gold, silver, lead and copper which are so abundant in this section; and as well, those from old Mexico, where our new railroads are penetrating the richest portions of the mining districts of the Mexican republic. Our people are prosperous, progressive and united to a man in all public enterprises they believe to be for the best interests of our county and city.

Now comes the greatest enterprise of all. It has been known and conceded for years that this section is nature's own sanitarium for consumptives, and many of the ablest physicians and scientists in all parts of the world have given their unqualified endorsement to New Mexico as possessing all the natural conditions requisite in the cure of this great white plague, commonly known as tuberculosis or consumption of the lungs. The United States government has emphasized this opinion in establishing its military hospital and sanitarium for the care of its soldiers and sailors at Fort Bayard and at other places in this territory. The experiment has been made and its success published to the world. The great seal of government approval has been placed upon the claims of this section.

Working along lines similar to the government's plan the national colony and sanitarium for consumptives is now formulating its plans on a gigantic scale. The movement will eventually reach every town in the country. It only costs one dollar to become a member of this worthy benevolent association and the holder of a membership certificate is entitled to a vote in the general annual election of managers. The certificate also carries the privilege of correspondence with the officers of the association and to free diagnosis of his, or any friend's case by any physician employed by this association in any part of the United States. The applicant will be told frankly what his chances are of recovery.

Every man and woman in health and comfort naturally wants to do something to help the afflicted and there is no better way to do it than by lending a helping hand to this great movement for this class of sufferers. Every dollar goes to help some poor suffering human being who is not able to help himself. Churches of all denominations and all fraternal associations are represented by some charter members in this benevolent work. No officer receives one cent for his services. Only the solicitors, physicians, nurses and others employed to do the work receive any compensation for their services. Call upon Judge Field, F. F. Rogers or any member of the Deming auxiliary board for a list of names at the head of the movement and for a prospectus of the association showing its plans and purposes.

### Incorporation Fees.

House Bill No. 170, An act relating to corporations, domestic and foreign, prescribing fees to be paid for filing their articles and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico.

Section 1. Every corporation, joint stock company or association incorporated or consolidated by or under any general or special law of this territory, or by or under any general or special law of any foreign kingdom, or of any state or

territory of the United States beyond the limits of this territory, shall, before doing business in this territory, file in the office of the secretary of this territory the certificate of incorporation, articles of association or charter, as required by law and at the time of such filing shall pay to the secretary of the territory the following fees:

For railroads or other corporations formed for pecuniary gain, ten cents for each and every thousand dollars of capitalization, and a like fee upon each subsequent increase of less than \$25.

For filing any certificate of amendment to articles of incorporation other than one increasing capital stock, or any translated copy of articles or amendments, \$10.

For filing any certificate of business and agent, when required by law, \$5.

For corporations organized for benevolent, charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes, having no capital stock, \$1. For filing any certificate of amendment to such articles of incorporation, \$1. For filing any certificate, instrument or document other than those specified above, \$1.

Section 2. Every corporation, domestic or foreign, shall file with the recorder of deeds in the county in which its principal place of business in this territory is located, a copy of its articles of incorporation of every amendment thereto and likewise any certificate designating agent and place of business in the territory, certified from the secretary of the territory; and it shall be a misdemeanor for any recorder to file or record in his office any incorporation papers or copies thereof not previously certified by the secretary of the territory.

Section 3. Whenever the fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be in excess of the sum of five dollars for each separate filing, such excess shall be held by the secretary for the use of the territory, and shall be paid over to the territorial treasurer at the end of each quarter, beginning June 30, 1903.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall be in force and effect from and after April 1, 1903.

NESTOR MONTOYA,

Speaker of House Reps. C. V. STAFFORD, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

J. FRANCISCO CHAVES,

President of Council. W. E. Martin, Chief Clerk of Council. Approved by me this 19th day of March, A. D., 1903.

MIGUEL A. OTERO, GOVERNOR of Territory of New Mexico. J. W. Reynolds Secretary of N. M.

### Railroad Ramblings.

Oscar Anderson, Santa Fe Switchman resigned Friday and left for Chicago.

Bud Hughes has accepted a position in the Santa Fe freight office.

A number of Santa Fe officials came in two special cars last Friday and made the town a business visit.

Division Superintendent McNally made a trip to Fierro Saturday.

That broad smile worn by the Santa Fe employes last Friday is accounted for by that being pay day.

### Four of a Kind.

The justice's court of this precinct was the center of interest all day Monday. Robert Herrington, of the firm of Herrington & Coleman, cattle raisers of this county, was up before the justice on two charges of grand larceny of cattle, the specifications being the killing of one heifer belonging to Hannigan & Biggs, and three head of stock, the property of George B. Watkins, whose ranch adjoins that of Mr. Herrington a short distance south of Deming. James S. Fielder appeared for the defense and Attorney Pollard for the territory. The testimony was sufficiently strong against the defendant to warrant Judge Pennington in sending both cases to the grand jury. The bond of the defendant was fixed at \$1500 and was filed promptly and Mr. Herrington released from custody. Four charges for misdemeanors have been made against Mr. Herrington, all of which, however, are so closely connected with the two main charges as to seem a part of the same offense. These cases will come up for trial today.

## SPORTING WORLD

Basket Ball Friday a Grand Success—A Fast Game From Start.

LORDBURG vs. DEMING SUNDAY

Big Game in McCoy Athletic Park Witnessed by Big Crowd—18 to 9 in Favor of Deming.

The basket ball game played by the members of the debating society last Friday was one of the finest athletic entertainments that has been given in Deming for some time. The boys were well drilled and played a swift game. Much enthusiasm was exhibited by the friends of those playing, and they cheered lustily when a good play was made on either side.

At the close of the game the hall was cleared and a dance given; fine music was furnished and the young folks passed a few hours in an enjoyable manner and went home so well satisfied that the success of the next entertainment given by the society is assured before hand.

In a financial way the expectations of the promoters of the undertaking were fully realized, as they cleared \$20, which amount is to be used for books and other aids for fitting them for the actual work of the society and their next public meeting will doubtless be a debate.

As usual the ball game at the McCoy athletic park last Sunday was a good one and well attended. The day was all that could be asked and the players did their best to put up a good exhibition. The Yellow Kids were in prime condition and made things warm for the visitors.

The Lordsburg team are a fine, gentlemanly set of fellows and their visit was thoroughly appreciated by our people who made every possible effort to make it pleasant for them. While the score was very unequal many good plays were made by the visitors, and the odds only serve to show the superiority of the Demings as ball players.

### Columbus Cullings.

The E. P. & S. W. has a 15 horse power gasoline engine on the ground for the big well.

Capt. A. J. Kyle was in charge of the custom house last week.

Louis Holzman an old Demingite is now on duty at the custom house.

Section Foreman Baccas has an eye for beauty as well as comfort, he has planted shade trees in front of his house.

There was a fishing party in Columbus the other day. The well diggers were fishing for the 700 pound drill.

Cars have been ordered for a big shipment of cattle by Lee & Booker.

Col. A. O. Bailey received a setting of turkey eggs for his incubator.

W. Wilkinson, our hustling merchant made a business trip to Deming Monday.

### Red Men to Organize.

Col J. G. Albright formerly of the Journal-Democrat, of Albuquerque, arrived in the city from our neighboring town, Silver City, last Saturday night. Mr. Albright is now associated with Deputy Inchoence, Lee Herman in the organization of Red Men's lodges in the southwest. The gentleman met with extraordinary success in the institution of a tribe in Silver City and from the manner in which the citizens are considering the popularity of the order in Deming, a very large membership will be the result in this city.